

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

TATYANA MORDVIN )  
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Plaintiff,         )      No. 1:22-CV-680  
                      )  
vs.                 )      (No. 2022 L 536)  
                      )  
                      (Cook County)  
ROUNDY'S ILLINOIS LLC, D/B/A MARIANO'S )  
THE KROGER CO.     )  
                      )  
Defendant.         )

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

NOW COMES the Defendant, ROUNDY'S ILLINOIS, LLC., d/b/a Mariano's, incorrectly sued a The Kroger Co., d/b/a Mariano's, by and through its attorneys, Gregory T. Glen and Kopka Pinkus Dolin, P.C., pursuant to 28 USC § 1332, 1441, NS 1446 and hereby submit their Notice of Removal of this case from the Circuit Court of Cook County to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. In support of this Notice of Removal, Defendant states as follows:

1. This matter arises out of an alleged fall that occurred on January 22, 2020, at the Mariano's store located at 3358 W. Touhy Avenue, Village of Skokie, County of Cook, State of Illinois. See Plaintiff's Complaint, attached as Exhibit A, filed in the Circuit Court of Cook County, under Docket Number 2022 L 000536.

2. The Plaintiff's Complaint alleges that Tatyana Mordvin, sustained injuries of a personal and pecuniary nature and seeks damages in excess of the required jurisdictional limit of \$50,000.

3. All that is required for Removal based on Diversity Jurisdiction is a "reasonable probability" that more than \$75,000.00 is in controversy. See *Rising-Moore v. Red Roof Inns, Inc.*,

435 F.3d 813, 815 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2006). The nature of the claim alleged in the Complaint at Law usually makes it simple for a judge to determine whether it is more likely true than not that the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional requirement. See *McCoy v. General Motors Corp.*, 226 F.Supp.2d 939, 941-942 (N.D. Ill. 2002) (the amount in controversy is generally “obvious from a common sense reading of the Complaint”).

5. Here, Plaintiff has complied with Illinois pleading requirements, which only allow a Plaintiff to assert that his/her damages are greater or less than a certain jurisdictional amount. In this case, Plaintiff is seeking damages “in excess of \$50,000, plus costs of this action” based on the allegation that Plaintiff was caused to become injured and sustain damages. The Plaintiff’s formal settlement demand was \$100,000.

6. Based upon the allegations in Plaintiff’s Complaint and Plaintiff’s special damages and injuries, there is a reasonable probability that the amount in controversy in this case exceeds \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs.

7. Based on the Defendant’s investigation, the Plaintiff is a resident and citizen of the state of Illinois at all relevant times.

8. The principal owner of Defendant, Roundy’s Illinois, LLC, d/b/a Mariano’s, is Roundy’s Supermarkets, Inc., a Wisconsin corporation with its principal offices at 875 East Milwaukee Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Roundy’s Supermarkets, Inc., was incorporated in the State of Wisconsin. (Exhibit B).

9. Pursuant to *Hart v. Terminex International*, 336 F3rd 541, and *Thomas v. Guardsmark, LLC.*, 487 F3d 531, Rule 28 requires that is a party is a corporation, “the statement shall identify both the state of incorporation and the state in which the corporation has its principal place of business.”

10. The citizenship of an LLC is the citizenship of each of the LLC's members. *Thomas v. Guardsmark, LLC*, 487 F.3d 531, 534 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2007). An LLC's Jurisdictional Statement must identify the citizenship of each of its members as of the date of the Complaint or Notice of Removal was filed, and, if those members have members, the citizenship of those members as well. *Id.*

11. In this case, Plaintiff's Complaint at Law was filed on January 18, 2022. (Exhibit A).

12. In this case, Defendant's Notice of Removal was filed on February 7, 2022.

13. On January 18, 2022, and February 7, 2022, the sole identity and ownership member of Illinois Roundy's LLC, was Roundy's Supermarkets, Inc. (Exhibit B).

14. In this case, Roundy's Supermarkets, Inc., (principal place of business Milwaukee, Wisconsin), was the sole ownership member of Illinois Roundy's LLC, on January 18, 2022 February 8, 2022, the date the Plaintiff's Complaint at Law was filed, and the date Defendant's Notice of Removal was filed. (Exhibit B).

15. At all times relevant, other than Roundy's Supermarkets, Inc., Illinois Roundy's LLC, had no other ownership member(s). (Exhibit B).

17. Accordingly, for purposes of determining whether Diversity Jurisdiction exists under 28 USC §1332C1, at all relevant times, Plaintiff was a resident and citizen of the state of Illinois and the Defendant has not been a resident or citizen of the State of Illinois.

18. For the foregoing reasons, this is an action wherein the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, has original jurisdiction, pursuant to 28 USC § 1332 because the matter in controversy exceeds the value of \$75,000.00, exclusive of costs and interest, and the Defendant conducts business in a different state.

19. Accordingly, Diversity Jurisdiction exists, and this lawsuit was properly removed to this Court Pursuant to 28 USC § 1441 and § 1446b.

20. This Notice of Removal was timely filed by the Defendant within the time frame allotted by this Court pursuant to 28 USC § 1446b.

21. Plaintiff's counsel has been or will be served with written notice of this Notice of Removal in accordance with the Federal Rules Of Civil Procedure.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, Roundy's Illinois, LLC., d/b/a Mariano's, a corporation, pursuant to 28 USC § 1441, remove this action from the Circuit Court of Cook County to this Court for Further Proceedings, and further, for any additional relief that the Court deems just.

**DEFENDANT DEMANDS TRIAL BY JURY.**

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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